Flood control measures at Piprashi-Pipraghat embankments

955. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flood protection works carried out by the State of Bihar on the Piprashi-Pipraghat embankments benefits only one-third area of Bihar and two third area of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Mahananda flood protection carried out by Bihar benefits two third area of Bengal and only one third area of Bihar; and

(c) if so, whether his Ministry have any proposal to take over the maintenance of these two inter-State flood protection embankments, particularly in view of the financial constraints of the Bihar Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c) The Piprasi-Pipraghat embankment benefits an area of 13,000 ha. in Bihar and 23,500 ha. in Uttar Pradesh. The benefits in the Mahananda basin vary for different tributaries. There is no proposal to take over the maintenance of inter-State flood protection embankments by the Centre.

Export of iron ore and other products from Visakhapatnam port

956. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the volume of exports of iron ore and other products from Visakhapatnam port during the last two years year-wise;

(b) whether any time-bound programme has been drawn up to increase the volume of exports from this port; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Volume of exports of iron ore and other products from Visakhapatnam Port during the last two years has been as under:

(Qty. in Million tonnes)

	1988-89	1989-90
Iron ore & Other products	10.03	10.71

(b) and (c) Due to lesser availability of iron ore for export on account of increase in domestic requirements, exports of iron ore from Visakhapatnam Port are likely to decline during 1990-91 and in subsequent years of the current Plan.

Entry of multinational companies in low technology consumer items

957. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tangible result has been achieved in the matter of increasing exports and creating employment as a result of slowly liberalising the economy since 1984 and allowing entry to multinational companies in low technology consumer items on selective basis for boosting-exports; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) The export growth has accelerated from 14.3 per cent in 1986-87 to 25.9 per cent in 1987-88 to 29.5 per cent in 1988-89 and further to 36.5 per cent in 1989-90. The acceleration in the export growth has been achieved as a result of series of measures taken by the Government to increase exports. It is not posible to isolate the impact of measures like liberlisaton of economy, entry of multinational companie in low tecnhology consumer items, etc., in increasing exports or in generation of employment.